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Messrs. Dickenson,
Champion,
Warry,
B. Champion,
J. Smith,

Messrs. Charlton,
Monck,
Stacey,
T. Fardon,
Searle.

J. B. MONCK, *Chairman.*

The thanks of the meeting were afterwards given to J. B. Monck, esq. for his impartial conduct in the chair.

CATHOLIC COMMITTEE.

At a special meeting of the general Committee of the Catholics of Ireland, held at No. 4, Capel-street, on Wednesday, the 31st, July, 1811;

The Earl of Fingall, in the Chair.

Resolved, That the Catholic committee, having adjourned on the 25th July, to the 19th October, 1811, have, notwithstanding, deemed it expedient to hold an extraordinary meeting on this 31st day of July, in consequence of a communication from government to the Earl of Fingall, dated the 30th instant, to the following effect:—
“That a privy council was to be assembled to take into consideration the expediency of issuing a proclamation, declaratory of the law, &c. &c.—and likewise of the course to be pursued to ensure its observance.”

Resolved, That this committee, relying on the constitutional right on the subject to petition the legislature, in the way and manner specified in a resolution to that effect, passed at the last aggregate meeting of their body, do now determine to continue and persevere in the constitutional course they have maturely adopted, for the sole, express, and specific purpose of preparing a petition or petitions to parliament for their full participation of the rights of the constitution, and, that in so doing, they not only in their opinion do not violate, but act in strict conformity with its soundest principles.

Resolved, That this committee will never meet under pretence of preparing or presenting a petition, but, for the strict and sole purpose of preparing, and causing to be presented, a petition, or petitions.

Resolved, That the right of petitioning, secured by the bill of rights, is recognized by the 4th and last clause of the convention act, in the words following:—“Provided also, that nothing herein contained, shall be construed in any manner to prevent or impede the undoubted right of his ma-

jesty's subjects of this realm, to petition his majesty or both houses, or either house of parliament, for redress of any public or private grievance.”

Resolved, That the resolutions of the late aggregate meeting of the Catholics of Ireland, holden on the 9th of July, having appeared this day in an imperfect state, in a proclamation from government, we feel it expedient to re-publish them.

“Resolved, That being impressed with an unalterable conviction of its being the undoubted right of every man to worship his Creator according to the genuine dictates of his own conscience, we deem it our duty publicly and solemnly to declare our decided opinion and principle, that no government can, with justice, inflict any pains, penalty, or privation, upon any man, for professing that form of christian faith which he in his conscience believes.

“Resolved, That we, therefore, shall persevere in petitioning the legislature for a total and unqualified repeal of the penal laws which aggrieve and degrade the Catholics of Ireland.

“Resolved, That in exercising this undoubted right of petitioning, we shall continue to adhere to the ancient principles of the constitution, and to conform also to the peculiar restrictions which, by modern statutes, are imposed on the people of Ireland.

“Resolved, That a committee of Catholics be therefore appointed, and requested to cause proper petitions to be forthwith framed, for the repeal of the penal laws, and to procure signatures thereto in all parts of Ireland, and to take measures for bringing such petitions under the serious consideration of the legislature, within the first month of the ensuing sessions of parliament.

“Resolved, That said committee do consist of the Catholic peers, and their eldest sons; the Catholic Baronets; the Prelates of the Catholic church in Ireland; and also of ten persons to be appointed by the Catholics in each county in Ireland, the survivors of the delegates of 1793 to constitute an integral part of that number; and also of five persons to be appointed by the Catholic inhabitants of each parish in Dublin.

“Resolved, That it be recommended to such committee to resort to all legal and constitutional means of maintaining a cordial communication of sentiment and co-operation of conduct amongst the Catholics

of Ireland; and, generally, of promoting the favourable reception of our petition.

"Resolved, That the appointment of the said persons be made forthwith.

"Resolved, That, until the new committee shall be appointed, the management of Catholic affairs shall be confided to the Catholic Peers, Baronets, and survivors of the delegates of 1793."

FINGALL, Chairman.

EDWARD HAY, Sec.

DENNIS SCULLY, esq. in the Chair.

Resolved, That the most cordial thanks of this committee are due, and are hereby returned to the Earl of Fingall, for his manly, spirited, and dignified conduct in the Chair.

EDWARD HAY, Secretary.

SYNOD OF ULSTER.

The following addresses to his Royal Highness the Prince Regent, and his Excellency the Lord Lieutenant, were unanimously agreed to, and the Moderator is ordered to transmit them to the secretary of the Lord Lieutenant, and have them, with the answer, published in the Dublin Evening Post, the Patriot, and the two Belfast Newspapers:

Cookstown, June 27th, 1811.

To his Royal Highness, the PRINCE REGENT of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland,

May it please your Royal Highness,

We, the Ministers and Elders of the general Synod of Ulster, assembled at our annual meeting, request permission to express to your Royal Highness the deep and unfeigned sorrow with which we have been penetrated, on account of the indisposition of our revered and most gracious sovereign.

Protected, during his long and equitable reign, in the enjoyment of civil and re-

ligious liberty, and distinguished by many marks of his royal favour, we feel impelled by the united sense of duty and of gratitude, to offer our earnest prayers to the supreme disposer of all events for his speedy and complete recovery.

We entreat your Royal Highness to accept the assurance of our dutiful attachment to your Royal Highness' person, and of our humble acknowledgments for those liberal, dignified, and constitutional sentiments, which your Royal Highness has taken occasion to express, and which cannot fail to inspire all classes of his Majesty's loyal subjects with an entire reliance on the wisdom of your Royal Highness' councils in the administration of the government of this united kingdom, during the indisposition of your royal father.

Signed in our name, and by our order, at Cookstown, this 27th day of June, 1811.

JAMES BANKHEAD, *Moderator.*

To his Grace, CHARLES LENNOX, Duke of Richmond, Lord Lieutenant General, and General Governor of Ireland,

May it please your Grace,

We, his Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the ministers and elders of the general Synod of Ulster, request your Grace may be pleased to transmit to his Royal Highness, the Prince Regent, the address which we herewith forward.

We have great satisfaction in embracing the occasion which now offers, to present to your Grace our cordial acknowledgments of your Grace's mild and temperate government of this part of the United Kingdom, as well as for the particular kindness which we have experienced during your Grace's administration.

Signed in our name, and by our order, at Cookstown, this 27th day of June, 1811.

JAMES BANKHEAD, *Moderator.*

AGRICULTURAL REPORT.

From July 20, till August 20.

The weather for the last month has been favourable, frequent showers have had a good effect on the flax, and the late crop of potatoes, the former is complained of in many places as being rather a thin crop, the goodness of the latter will very much depend on the absence of the frost in the end of the season.